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CHAPTER 111

PLAYING WITH FIRE

Meredith Gordon and her brother Flint have lead a checkered life. Meredith has lost and found her daughter Claire Bennet. She's most recently allied herself as a Company Agent. Flint has become a career criminal and now is in league with Arthur's Pinehearst Company. What does it take to set a character on the road to being a Hero, or the road to being a Villain...





TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

PLAYING WITH FIRE

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YOU BETTER FINISH YOUR CHORES BEFORE DADDY GETS HOME.

AWW... COME ON, MEREDITH. I WAS JUST TRYING TO HAVE SOME FUN.

NOW.



YOU GET ALL THEM CHORES DONE?

I ASKED YOU A QUESTION, JUNIOR.



YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME, BOY?!



WE GOTTA DO THIS EVERY NIGHT?

I HAVE TO TAKE MY BELT TO YOU-- FOR YOU TO LISTEN?!

PLEASE DADDY JUST GO TO BED. I'LL FINISH 'EM IN THE MORNING.



AIN'T YOUR PLACE TO MAKE UP FOR HIS SLACKIN', GIRL.



STOP IT!





LOOK
AT IT
BURN!

I... I...
DIDN'T MEAN
TO...

HOW'D
YOU...?

I DUNNO.



I WISH
I COULD DO
THAT.

UNNNGHH!

I
CAN'T DO IT,
MERE--



YOU HAVE TO LISTEN
TO ME. YOU CAN'T
TELL ANYONE WHAT
HAPPENED.
PROMISE ME.

YEA,
I PROMISE.
JUST TEACH
ME HOW,
OKAY?



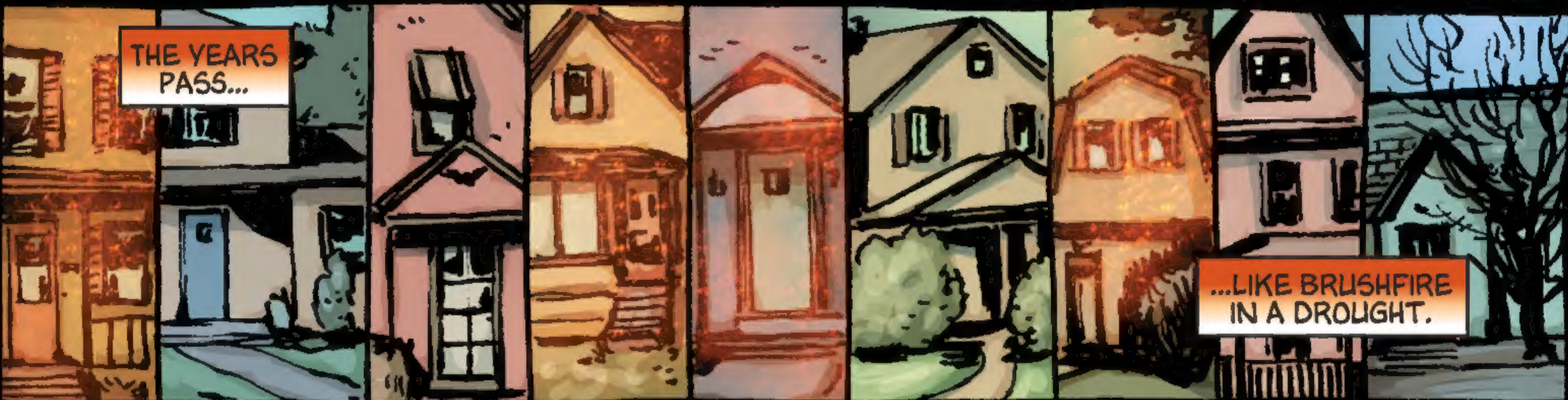
I KNOW IT'S HARD FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND, BUT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE DECIDED IT BEST TO PLACE YOU IN DIFFERENT HOMES. IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY I CAN'T SEE HIM!

THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU JUST CAN'T FIGHT DEAR. I'M SO SORRY. NOW TRY AND GET SOME SHUTEYE.



I WANT MY BROTHER!



THE YEARS PASS...

...LIKE BRUSHFIRE IN A DROUGHT.



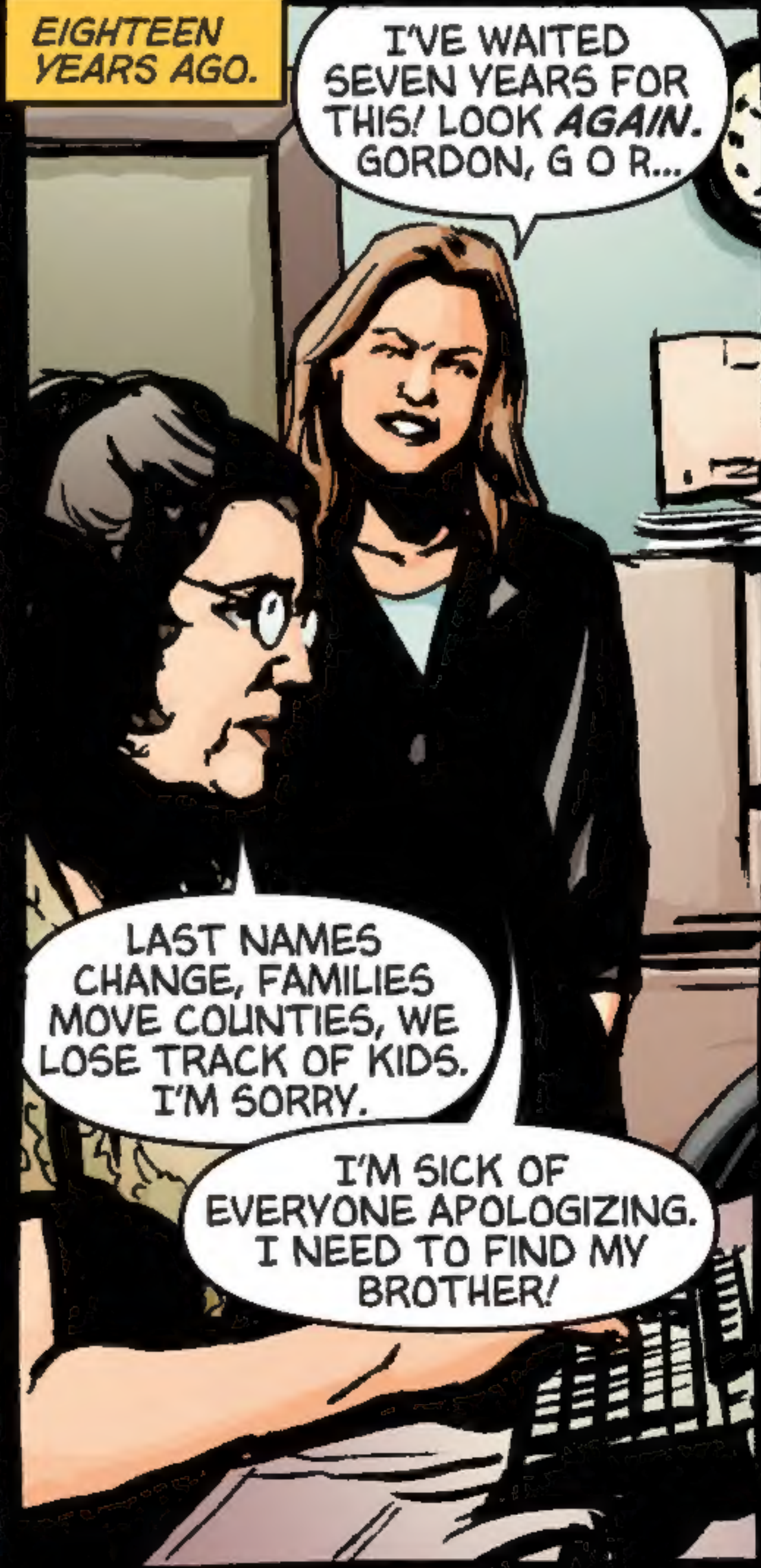
HELD SO TIGHT I THOUGHT I'D DROWN...

REJECTING THE ONLY GENUINE AFFECTION I'M SHOWN...



EVENTUALLY, SIMPLY WRITTEN OFF AS UNGRATEFUL...

ONLY THINKING ABOUT GETTING BACK TO MY BROTHER. PRAYING SOMEHOW THAT'D MAKE ALL THIS GO AWAY.



EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO.

I'VE WAITED SEVEN YEARS FOR THIS! LOOK AGAIN. GORDON, G O R...

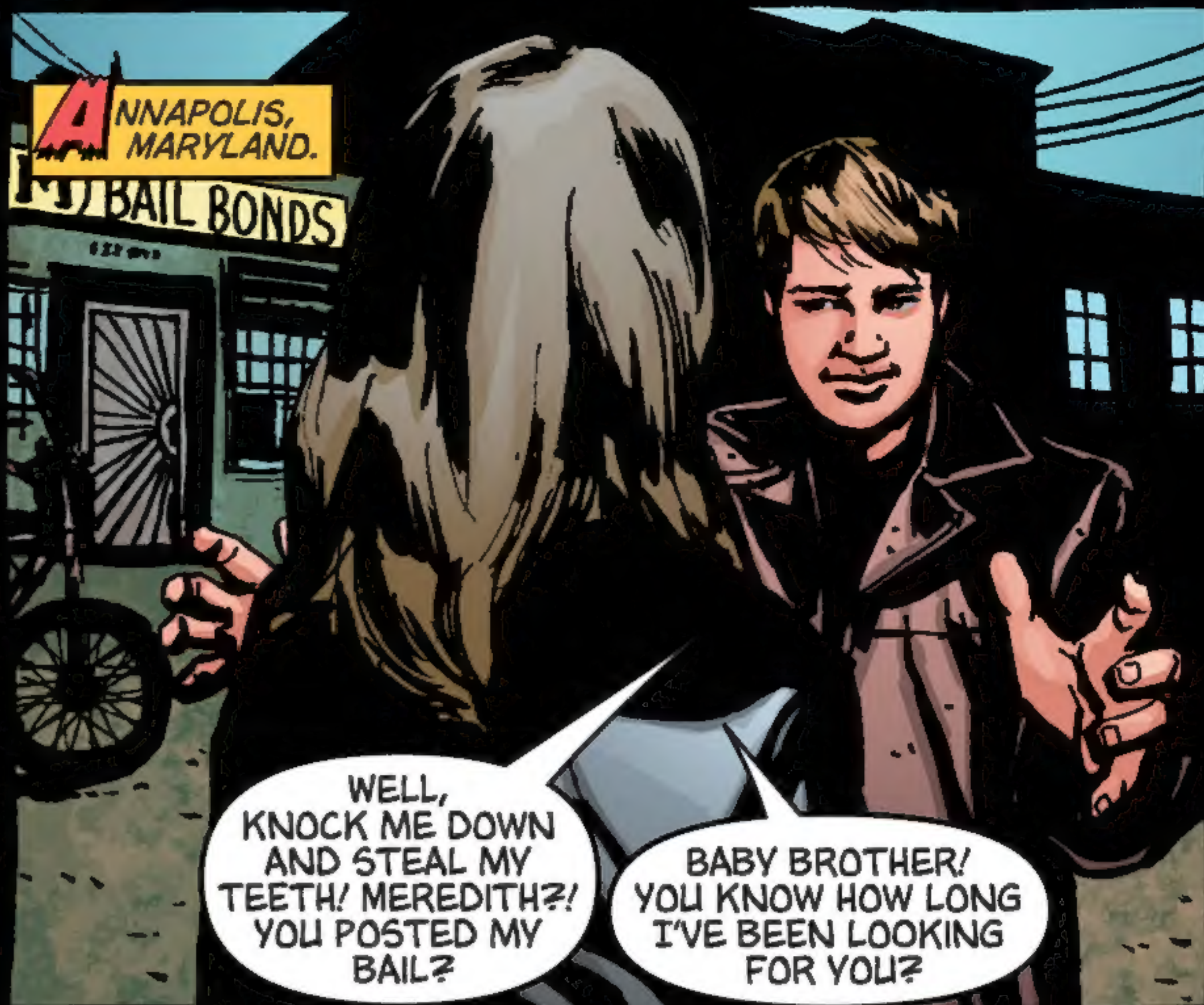
LAST NAMES CHANGE, FAMILIES MOVE COUNTIES, WE LOSE TRACK OF KIDS. I'M SORRY.

I'M SICK OF EVERYONE APOLOGIZING. I NEED TO FIND MY BROTHER!



AND THEN,
JUST WHEN YOU
LOSE HOPE...

MINOR DETAINED AS SUSPECT FOR
ROBBERY AND ARSON SPREE ACROSS
VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND.



WELL,
KNOCK ME DOWN
AND STEAL MY
TEETH! MEREDITH?
YOU POSTED MY
BAIL?

BABY BROTHER!
YOU KNOW HOW LONG
I'VE BEEN LOOKING
FOR YOU?



HOT DAMN!
YOU SURE
GREW UP...

I'M STILL
YOUR SISTER,
FLINT. DON'T
BE CRUDE.

HEY, MERE.
LOOK WHAT
I CAN DO!



I'VE BEEN
PRACTICING
REAL HARD, LIKE
YOU TOL' ME. SEE,
I CAN MAKE IT
EXTRA HOT!

WHY ON
GOD'S GREEN
EARTH WOULD YOU
WANNA PRACTICE
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.

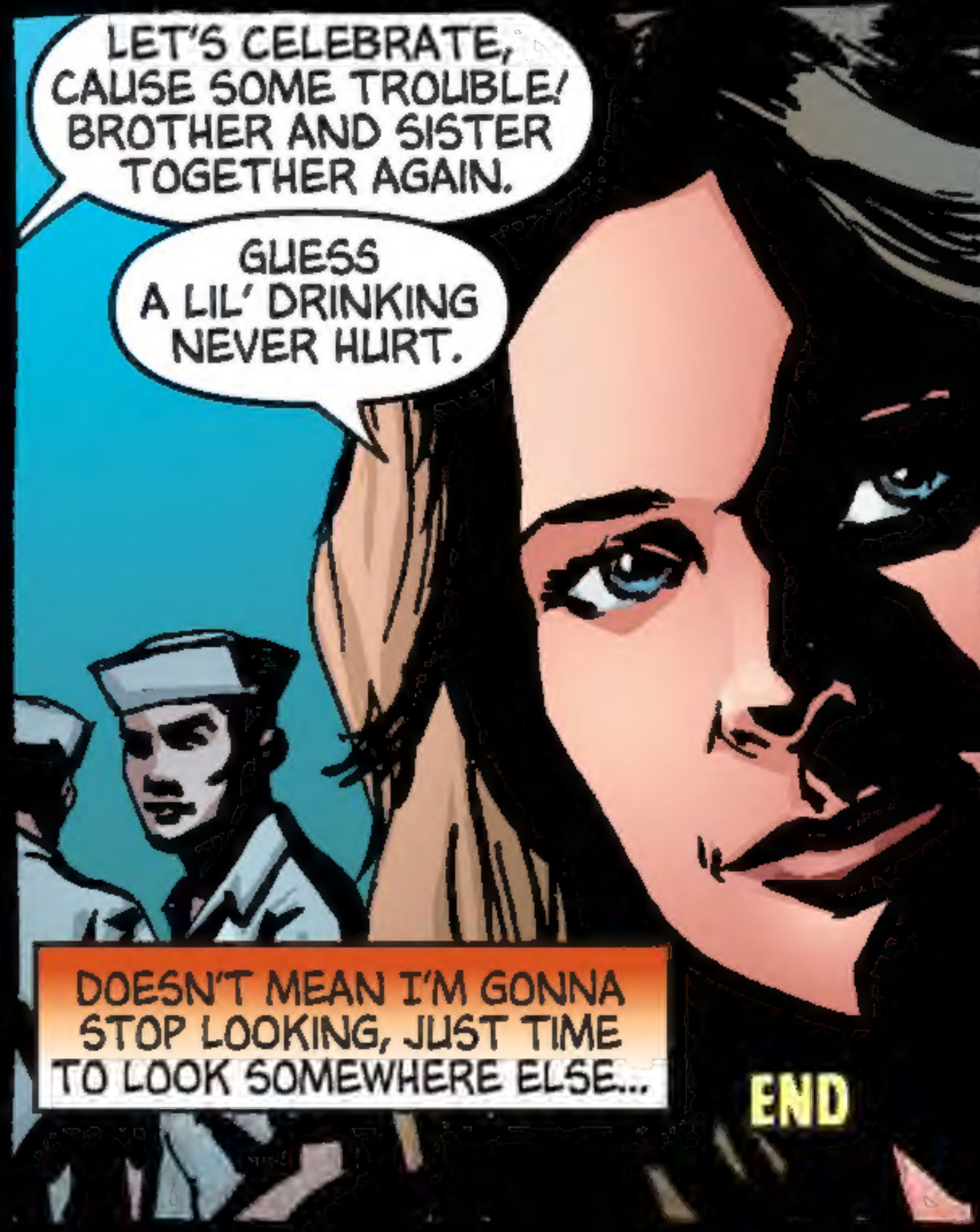
WHY
NOT?



AWWW,
SHOOT. NOW
WHY D'YOU
LOOK SO
GLUM?

COME ON,
MERE-- LOOK AT
ALL THESE *SAILORS*.
THOUGHT THAT MAKES
GIRLS LIKE YOU ALL
WEAK IN THE
KNEES?

SOMETIMES YOU LOOK SO
LONG, PEOPLE AREN'T
WHO YOU WANT THEM TO
BE ONCE YOU FIND THEM.



LET'S CELEBRATE,
CAUSE SOME TROUBLE!
BROTHER AND SISTER
TOGETHER AGAIN.

GUESS
A LIL' DRINKING
NEVER HURT.

DOESN'T MEAN I'M GONNA
STOP LOOKING, JUST TIME
TO LOOK SOMEWHERE ELSE...

END